

Town of Bridgewater  
Committee to Save the Bridgewater Village School Building  
Minutes of October 2, 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

Location: Bridgewater Grange Hall

Date: October 2, 2018

Time: 4:30 pm

Brian called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm

Addition to the Agenda: The Committee will do a conference call with Make Way for Kids Grants at 6:00 pm tonight.

Present: Brian Bontrager, Vicky Young, Bill Young, Collen Doyle and Joni Kennedy

Visitors: Kathleen Dolan, ArtisTree and Alice Paglia

Brian asked for a motion to approve the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes. Bill made the motion and Collen seconded it. So moved

**Bullet Points of the Meeting:**

- Discussion regarding the approval of a five (5) year lease proposal that was presented to the Select Board at their September 25, 2018 Select Board Meeting. The proposal was accepted and approved. The Bridgewater Area Community Foundation (Non-Profit) proposed to enter into a five (5) year lease with the Town of Bridgewater for the use of the Bridgewater Village School, and will guarantee that no new tax dollars will be requested for the operation and programming of the building, over and above any money that has already been approved in the current town budget.
- The Town will continue to own the building and all the land
- The non-profit would be responsible for all expenses, maintenance, fundraising, programming, etc. Any revenue generated due to the use of the building or programming would be retained by the Non-Profit
- Two proposals were presented to the Select Board on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from Engineering and Construction Firms to do a complete assessment of the building (John McLeod Kredell and Robert Buchans). The Board approved the proposal from Robert Buchan. The lower of the two bids
- Discussion regarding some of the priority needs of the building
- Discussion regarding getting the heating system looked at and serviced in preparation for winter
- Discussion around creating a strategic timeline

- Setting up account for the non-profit, website
- Board Members, Executive Director
- Brochure, content, activities, social media, branding, name
- Kathleen will reach out to Marie Cole, Diane Mellar and Jason Drebitko and invite them to our next meeting to share their experience in operating a non-profit.
- 6:00 PM – Conference call with Make Way for Kids Grants - In 2019, Vermont Birth to Five (VB5) will be investing \$400,000 in new and existing child care programs across the state to address the critical shortage of high-quality child care in Vermont. These funds will be used for construction, capital improvements and program changes that result in increased capacity; workforce development efforts; and equipment and materials needed to enrich early learning environments and the wellbeing of children served in newly created child care slots. To learn more go to [http://vermontbirthtofive.org/make\\_way\\_for\\_kids](http://vermontbirthtofive.org/make_way_for_kids)

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Follow up with Select Board regarding Lease
- Robert Buchan Architect signed proposal
- Heating system inspection and serviced in preparation for winter and address other priorities with the building
- Work on brochure, content, layout and activities
- Kathleen will reach out to Marie Cole, Diane Mellar and Jason Drebitko and invite them to our next meeting.
- Brian will talk to Bob Haynes to start coordinating the grants we want to apply for
- Joni will reach out to Birth to Five for the Make a Way for Kids Grants and see if she can meet with them.
- Talk to Prosper Valley School regarding Universal Per-K

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:30 pm at the Bridgewater Grange Hall in Bridgewater.

Brian asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Bill made the motion and Collen seconded it. So moved

The Committee meets once a month on the first Tuesday of every month at the Bridgewater Grange Hall at 4:30 PM.

We invite community members to join us at our monthly meetings as we welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Kennedy